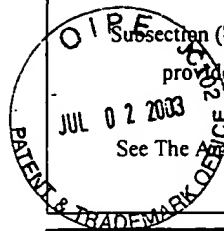


**Request for
Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	09/978,510 [816101]
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First Named Inventor	Alan M. Schilowitz, et al.
Attorney Docket Number	JJA-0107
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Group Art Unit	1764
Family Number	P2000J095-US2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37CFR § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on 2 June 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Communication transmitting a copy of pages 340-344 of the "Automotive Hand Book, 1990, Owen and Coley

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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